



***Annual Gifted  
Services  
Meeting***

# Welcome Parents of Gifted Students

Topics:

Types of Gifted Service

Ways students receive services

Benefits of our gifted service models

How students qualify for services

What is a WEP?

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# TV gifted service models

Students identified with **Specific Academic Ability** in either reading, math or both are serviced through a Gifted Cluster Model

Students who are identified with **Superior Cognitive Ability** are serviced through a weekly pull out program called VIKES.

# Cluster Group Model

- For students in grades 2-5 who are identified as gifted in Math and/or Reading with a MAP score in the 95th percentile or higher.
- MAP testing happens 3 times per year. Once a student is identified as gifted, they keep that identification through grade 12.
- Students receive more challenging and enriching material in their gifted area from a teacher who has earned his/her gifted certificate. This happens in the regular classroom and gifted students are placed in clusters along with non identified students. Students may also be placed in intervention groups that meet individual needs.
- All of our reading and math teachers in grades 2-5 have their gifted certificate or are in the process of earning it. We also have many of our science and social studies teachers who have gifted certification as well.

**OUR TEACHERS ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS!**

# Cluster Grouping Advantages

- Gifted students feel more comfortable when there are other students like them
- Gifted students are more likely to choose challenging tasks
- Teachers attuned to differentiating instruction are more likely to provide more learning opportunities
- School can provide a full-time, cost effective program to gifted students
- Increased parent satisfaction because of consistent increased challenge

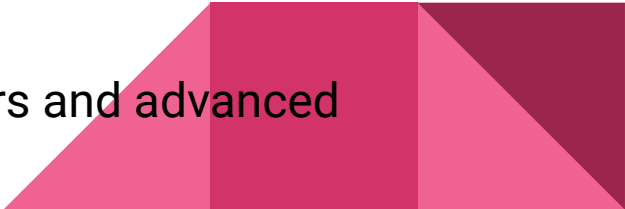
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# Benefits to Classroom Teaching

- Teachers attuned to differentiating instruction are likely to provide more learning opportunities
- Improves student performance by communicating higher expectations for all students
- Reduces the range of achievement in all classes
- Provides staff development in gifted education for all teachers on staff

Approximately 15% of our total student population is identified with a specific academic ability in either reading or math.

Students in grades 6 and higher are served through honors and advanced placement courses.



# VIKES program

A pull out program taught at South Bloomfield Elementary for students identified with superior cognitive ability in grades 3-5. Students from all four elementaries are transported to SB for instruction for one school day per week. The V.I.K.E.S program serves students that meet the following criteria:


Identified as Superior Cognitive on a nationally normed test. (Please see last page for qualifying scores on the various tests)

A whole grade testing is done in grades 2 and 4 to determine eligibility to participate in VIKES. Parents and teachers are also allowed to request testing.

We typically have about 30 students participating in this program each year.




# What is a WEP?

- WEP is an acronym for Written Education Plan
  - Each identified gifted student should receive a copy of his or her WEP every school year.
  - This serves as documentation to inform you of how your child is identified and served as a gifted student.
  - You should expect to receive this each year by the end of November and you will need to sign one copy to return to school. The other copy is for your records.
  - Your child **will still receive services** regardless of whether or not the WEP is signed and returned.
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# Teays Valley Gifted Handbook

- Gives information about how students qualify for programming
  - Gives parents information about requests for testing, referrals, services, withdraw and appeals
  - Available on our school website- See “departments” , then “Gifted Education.”
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# Enrichment Opportunities

- Pegasus- Visit the facebook page at Fans of Pegasus
  - Science Night out
  - Writing Workshop
  - Ice Cream Social
  - Christmas Party
  - Parent Support night
  - Camp Pegasus
- Space Camp for 5th graders
- OAGC Ohio Association for Gifted Children Parent Conference
  - October 20th

# QUESTIONS??

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